

1 -a drive wheel attached to the frame and having upper and lower circumferential portions and a diameter spanning a majority of the vertical dimension, the upper circumferential portion engaging the upper track length and the lower circumferential portion spaced above the lower track length, such space being less than half the diameter of the drive wheel;

-a leading idler assembly attached to the frame and having a leading idler arm and a leading idler wheel engaging the track and rotatably mounted to the distal end of the leading idler arm;

AI -a trailing idler assembly attached to the frame and having a trailing idler arm and a trailing idler wheel engaging the track and rotatably mounted to the distal end of the trailing idler arm; and

-a mid-roller assembly in engagement with the track lower length and attached to one of the idler arms. ~~1A~~

[Cancel claim 21 and replace it with the following new independent claim 28 which incorporates all the limitations of claims 17 and 21:]

I ¹⁸ ~~1A~~ 28. A vehicle track apparatus comprising:

-a frame;

-a continuous flexible track having an upper length and a ground-engaging lower length, the upper and lower lengths defining a vertical dimension therebetween;

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-a drive wheel attached to the frame and having upper and lower circumferential portions and a diameter spanning a majority of the vertical dimension, the upper circumferential portion engaging the upper track length and the lower circumferential portion spaced above the lower track length;

-a leading idler assembly attached to the frame and having a leading idler arm and a leading idler wheel engaging the track and rotatably mounted to the distal end of the leading idler arm;

-a trailing idler assembly attached to the frame and having a trailing idler arm and a trailing idler wheel engaging the track and rotatably mounted to the distal end of the trailing idler arm; and

-a mid-roller assembly in engagement with the track lower length and attached to one of the idler arms, the mid-roller assembly including at least one mid-roller and the space between the lower circumferential portion of the drive wheel and the lower track length being less than the diameter of the mid-roller. ¹⁸

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[Cancel claims 22 and 23 without prejudice and replace them with dependent claims 29 and 30, claim 29 reciting claim 28 as its parent claim, and claim 30 being dependent on claim 29, but otherwise unchanged:]

I ¹⁹ ~~14-29.~~ ¹⁸ The track apparatus of claim 28 wherein the

I mid-roller assembly includes at least two axially-offset mid-rollers, including at least one on either side of the drive wheel.

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30. ¹⁹ The track apparatus of claim 29 wherein the mid-roller assembly includes a plurality of mid-rollers on both sides of the drive wheel. MM

[Cancel claim 24 and replace it with the following new independent claim 31 which incorporates all the limitations of claims 17 and 24:]

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I 31. A vehicle track apparatus comprising:

-a frame;

-a continuous flexible track having an upper length and a ground-engaging lower length, the upper and lower lengths defining a vertical dimension therebetween;

-a drive wheel attached to the frame and having upper and lower circumferential portions and a diameter spanning a majority of the vertical dimension, the upper circumferential portion engaging the upper track length and the lower circumferential portion spaced above the lower track length;

-a leading idler assembly attached to the frame and having a leading idler arm and a leading idler wheel engaging the track and rotatably mounted to the distal end of the leading idler arm;

-a trailing idler assembly attached to the frame and having a trailing idler arm and a trailing idler wheel engaging the

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track and rotatably mounted to the distal end of the
trailing idler arm; and
-a mid-roller assembly in engagement with the track lower
length and attached to one of the idler arms, the mid-roller
assembly including at least one mid-roller and the drive
wheel extending below the top level of the mid-roller. ~~AA~~ *not in spec*

[Cancel claims 25 and 26 without prejudice and replace them with dependent claims 32 and 33, claim 32 reciting claim 31 as its parent claim, and claim 33 being dependent on claim 32, but otherwise unchanged:]

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~~AA-32~~. The track apparatus of claim ~~31~~²¹ wherein the mid-roller assembly includes at least two axially-offset mid-rollers, including at least one on either side of the drive wheel.

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~~33~~. The track apparatus of claim ~~32~~²² wherein the mid-roller assembly includes a plurality of mid-rollers on both sides of the drive wheel. ~~AA~~

[Add the following new dependent claims:]

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~~AA-34~~. The track apparatus of claim ~~31~~²¹ wherein the drive wheel diameter is at least one and a half times the diameter of the leading idler wheel.

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~~35~~. The track apparatus of claim ~~31~~²¹ wherein the drive wheel diameter is at least one and a half times the diameter of the trailing idler wheel. ~~AA~~